

## Talking Points for Level Yellow on Dial 3.0 in Jefferson County as of April 7, 2021

### Level Yellow

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- Effective Friday, April 9 at 6 a.m., the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will move Jefferson County to Level Yellow on the state's Dial 3.0. Businesses and residents will need to adhere to Level Yellow requirements at that time.
- Jefferson County is being moved from Level Blue to the more restrictive Level Yellow because the county has surpassed the Level Blue seven-day COVID-19 case incidence rate (as well as our "buffer" limit permitted by CDPHE) for five consecutive days. The seven-day COVID-19 test positivity rate and hospitalizations have also increased.
  - The seven-day case incidence range for Level Blue under Dial 3.0 is 36-100 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people. Under the "buffer limit," CDPHE permits counties to go 15% above the limit for a maximum of five consecutive days (or 115 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people under Level Blue) before they are moved to the next more restrictive level.
  - During March 31-April 6, there were 832 cases of COVID-19 (142.7 per 100,000) in Jefferson County.
- The majority of new cases are among adults ages 20-39, which is expected given this population just recently became eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Regarding active outbreaks, the majority are within schools and non-regulated businesses (e.g., offices and retail). Other factors contributing to the increase in community spread include significantly decreased social distancing as well as circulation of virus variants.
- The county mask order remains in effect. In Jefferson County, because JCPH's order supersedes the statewide order to the extent it is more restrictive, in situations in which the statewide mask order does not require masks indoors, all residents and visitors are required to wear a mask in all indoor public spaces when 6 ft. distancing cannot be maintained from non-household members per [Public Health Order 20-08 \(First Amended\)](#).
- The following changes are now effective in Jefferson County under Level Yellow. ***[You may also refer to the Appendix for comparisons between Level Blue and Level Yellow.]***
  - Restaurants are limited to 50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 150 people per room. Last call is at 1 a.m.
  - Bars must close unless they serve food.

- Indoor events are limited to 50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 150 people per room within usable space. Usable space for seated events and unseated events with fewer than 50 people is calculated by using 6 feet distancing between non-household members. For unseated events with 50 or more people, usable space should be calculated using the [Distancing Space Calculator](#).
- Outdoor events are limited to 50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 175 people within the usable space per designated area calculated using the [Distancing Space Calculator](#). If the event is seated, usable space should be calculated by using 6-foot distancing between non-household members.
- Recreation, including gyms, rec centers and pools, is limited to 50% capacity, not to exceed 50 people per room indoors or activity area outdoors. Establishments larger than 7,200 square feet may use the [Distancing Space Calculator](#) to expand to 100 patrons per room within their usable space.
- Organized sports are limited to 25 players, excluding coaches, referees and umpires.
- Outdoor guided activities are limited to 50% capacity, not to exceed 10 people.
- Youth camps are limited to 10 participants indoors and 25 participants outdoors.
- Businesses certified under the [Five-Star Certification Program](#) in Jefferson County may operate under Level Blue limits.

### **Additional Information and Resources**

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- [Tenth Amended Dial Public Health Order \(PHO 20-36\)](#)
- [CDPHE's Dial webpage](#)
- [JCPH's Dial webpage](#)
- [Jefferson County's Five-Star Certification Program](#)

## APPENDIX: CAPACITY LIMITS FOR LEVELS BLUE & YELLOW UNDER DIAL 3.0

Sector	Level Blue	Level Yellow
Indoor Personal Gatherings	Follow <a href="#">CDC Guidance</a>	Follow <a href="#">CDC Guidance</a>
Non-Critical Office-Based Businesses	75% of the posted occupancy limit	75% of the posted occupancy limit
Critical & Non-Critical Retail	75% of the posted occupancy limit	75% of the posted occupancy limit
Non-Critical Manufacturing	75% of the posted occupancy limit	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people per room. Establishments larger than 7,200 square feet may use the <a href="#">Distancing Space Calculator</a> to expand to 100 people per room.
Field Services	Operational; open houses may follow indoor event requirements, including capacity limits.	Operational; open houses may follow indoor event requirements, including capacity limits.
Personal Services	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people per room	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people per room
Limited Healthcare Settings	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people per room	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people per room
Restaurants	100% of the posted occupancy limit with 6-foot distancing between non-household members. Last call at 2am	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 150 people per room. Last call at 1am
Smoking Lounges	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 25 people	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 10 people
Indoor Events	Unseated: 50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 175 people per room. Seated: 100% of the posted occupancy limit with 6-feet distancing between groups of up to 10 individuals per room, excluding staff. CDPHE must be consulted for seated events with 500+ people.	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 150 people per room within usable space. Seated: usable space calculated by using 6-foot distancing between non-household members. Unseated: If there are 50 or more attendees, usable space is calculated using the <a href="#">Distancing Space Calculator</a> .
Outdoor Events	100% capacity with 6-foot distancing	50% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 175 people within the usable space per designated area calculated

		using the <a href="#">Distancing Space Calculator</a> . Seated: usable space calculated by using 6-foot distancing between non-household members.
Recreation (Gyms, Rec Centers & Pools)	100% capacity with 6-foot distancing between non-household members	50% capacity, not to exceed 50 people per room indoors or activity area outdoors. Establishments larger than 7,200 square feet may use the <a href="#">Distancing Space Calculator</a> to expand to 100 patrons per room within their usable space.
Organized Rec Sports	50 players, excluding coaches, referees, and umpires	25 players, excluding coaches, referees, and umpires
Outdoor Guided Activities	100% capacity with 6-foot distancing between non-household members.	50% capacity, not to exceed 10 people
Youth Camps	25 participants indoors and 50 participants outdoors	10 participants indoors and 25 participants outdoors
Casinos	May follow indoor event capacity restrictions	May follow indoor event capacity restrictions
Bars	25% capacity, not to exceed 75 people	Closed unless they serve food